

Hello:

I understand that this bill is not yet well defined but may include the following:

1. Clarify the law on riding as far to the right as practicable (AFRAP), as recommended by the League of American Bicyclists.
2. Permit and encourage modern bicycle facilities, including two-way bike lanes and "cycle tracks."
3. Clarify when and how motor vehicles may pass slower moving vehicles, including bicycles.

These kinds of things, and making CT in general a better place to bike and walk, are important to me.

I ride bicycles. The bicycle clubs I belong to are active in the community and donate to local causes.

Connecticut is not a particularly bicycle friendly area. We hear about this from people who would like to be bicyclists but are intimidated.

Same for bicycle commuters. I definitely take my life in danger when I commute down Route 37 past the reservoir. No shoulder, dangerously beat up road surface, lots of cars, going fast.

What would life be like with more bicycle infrastructure? Less health problems, happier people, less car use, better community. It's easy to say hi from a bicycle, not from a car.

Get this done. There are plenty of knowledgeable people to help steer you. LAB for one has the Bicycle Friendly Community program. The five E's.

Thank you for listening.

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